



Toward a critical anthropology on the impact of global warming on health and human societies

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Abstract:

This op-ed essay urges medical anthropologists to join a growing number of public health scholars to examine the impact of global warming on health. Adopting a critical medical anthropology perspective, I argue that global warming is yet another manifestation of the contradictions of the capitalist world system. Ultimately, a serious effort to mitigate the impact of global warming not only on health but also settlement patterns and subsistence will require the creation of a new global political economy based upon social parity, democratic processes, and environmental sustainability.

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes, Glacier/Snow Melt, Sea Level Rise, Temperature, Unspecified Exposure

Temperature: Extreme Heat, Fluctuations

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

General Geographical Feature

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact, Infectious Disease, Morbidity/Mortality

Infectious Disease: General Infectious Disease

Mitigation/Adaptation:

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Mitigation

Resource Type: ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale: ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified